

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 written line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please amend title to remove the period at page 1 written lines 2-3, as follows:

Method, communication system and communication device for transmitting broadcasting information via a communication network-

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 after written line 3, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE03/02280, filed July 8, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No.10234939.8 DE filed July 31, 2002, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 after written line 3, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION

This invention relates to a method, communication system and communication device for transmitting broadcasting information via a communication network.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 after written line 3, after the newly added FIELD OF INVENTION section, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 after written line 4, as follows

--SUMMARY OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 3 written lines 5-15, as follows:

The underlying object of the invention is thus to improve the implementation of distribution services and in particular to achieve a more efficient utilization of the transmission resources made available by the access networks for broadcasting information transmitted within the framework of a "multicast". The object is achieved, ~~using a method~~ in accordance with the features of the ~~preamble of Patent Claim 1 as a starting point, by the claim's identifying features. Furthermore the object is achieved, using a communication system and a communication device in accordance with the preambles of Claims 19 and 24, by the respective identifying features of these two claims.~~

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 5 written lines 1-33 and page 6 written lines 1-4, as follows:

In accordance with an advantageous further development of the method in accordance with the invention different transmission protocols are implemented by the virtual connections for specific subscriber connections routed via the at least one decentralized communication unit. For each of the transmission protocols implemented via the at least one decentralized communication unit at least one second virtual connection between the central unit and the at least one decentralized communication unit is set up for the individual transmission protocol—~~Claim 6~~. Advantageously the broadcasting information routed to the central communication unit is checked to see if this information is to be transmitted to a number of subscriber connections of the at least one decentralized communication unit implementing the same transmission protocol. If it is established that at least a part of the broadcasting information is to be transferred to a number of subscriber connections implementing the same protocol the at least one part of the broadcasting information is transmitted from the central communication unit via the at least one individual virtual connection for the transmission protocol to the at least one decentralized communication unit, duplicated there and forwarded to/via the number of subscriber connections implementing the same transmission protocol —~~Claim 7~~. This advantageous further development of the method in accordance with the invention enables the subscribers assigned to a decentralized module to be connected by means of different data

transmission methods, that is using differently designed protocol stacks. For each type of protocol stack implemented in the decentralized communication unit or for each type of data transmission method implemented an individual virtual connection i.e. a virtual connection individual to a communication unit and simultaneously to protocol stack is set up for transmitting the broadcasting information between the at least one decentralized module and the central module. Thus the method in accordance with the invention can also be used if subscriber connections providing different transmission technologies or virtual connections designed in accordance with different transmission protocols are arranged in a decentralized communication unit or decentralized module.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 6 written lines 5-7, as follows:

Further advantageous embodiments of the method in accordance with the invention as well as a communication system and a communication device for performing the method can be found in the **further dependent** claims.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 6 after written line 7, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 8 written line 10, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--